

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ANTHONY DAUNT, TOM BARRETT,
AARON BEAUCHINE, KATHY BERDEN,
STEPHEN DAUNT, GERRY
HILDENBRAND, GARY KOUTSOUBOS,
LINDA LEE TARVER, PATRICK MEYERS,
MARIAN SHERIDAN, MARY SHINKLE,
NORM SHINKLE, PAUL SHERIDAN,
BRIDGET BEARD, CLINT TARVER,

No. 1:19-cv-00614

HON. JANET T. NEFF

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Plaintiffs,

v

JOCELYN BENSON, in her official capacity as
Michigan Secretary of State,

Defendant.

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**DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
RESPONSIVE PLEADING**

On August 19, 2019, Defendant Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson requested a pre-motion conference prior to filing a motion to dismiss in lieu of filing an answer to Plaintiffs' complaint. Pursuant to this Court's guidelines (IIIA1d), Defendant

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson also moves for an extension of time to file that responsive pleading.

Plaintiffs have already filed a motion for preliminary injunction, and the Secretary of State's brief in opposition is due on or before August 27, 2019.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson respectfully requests the time to file a motion to dismiss be extended to a date and time after the pre-motion conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 20, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such filing of the foregoing document as well as via US Mail to all non-ECF participants.

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